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SUBJECT:PROPOSED TEMPORARY DUTY ASSIGNMENT TO FISHERIES
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1. PENDING PERMANENT REPLACEMENT FOR KEITH BROUILLARD FOR FISHERIES ATTACHE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO MAKE AVAILABLE FOR TDY OF ABOUT 60 DAYS DR. FRANCIS M. FUKUHARA, CHIEF OF THE MARINE AND SHELLFISH DIVISION OF THE NMFS NORTHWEST FISHERIES CENTER IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE DR. FUKUHARA IN TOKYO DURING THIS INTERIM PERIOD.

2. DR. FUKUHARA HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN ALL FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVING JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA AND IS MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE STATE OF RESOURCES UNDER NEGOTIATION IN THE NORTH PACIFIC, THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY EXCESSIVE FISHING BY THE FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND HAS PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN THE DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WITH RESPECT TO ESTABLISHING CONSERVATION CONTROLS TO PROTECT THE RESOURCES OFF THE U.S. COAST FOR THE PAST 20
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YEARS. IN VIEW OF THE UP-COMING NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN

SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN MID MAY, THE DEPARTMENT FEELS THAT DR. FUKAHARA CAN CONTRIBUTE IMMEASURABLY TO THE PRE-LIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ON U.S. PROPOSALS THAT WE HAVE AGREED TO SUBMIT TO JAPAN PRIOR TO THE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD COVER TRAVEL AND PER DIEM DURING PERIOD OF DETAIL. ADVISE IF EMBASSY AGREES TO THIS PROPOSAL. INGERSOLL

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